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Final

Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 | **10:00 AM** | **Virtual Meeting**

For consideration by the City Building Committee on February 8, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, K. Aylwin at 10:05 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 10 -
Councillor K. Aylwin
Councillor A. Kungl
A. Pelan
E. Jacoby-Hawkins
E. vanWesenbeeck
H. Bergman
J. Northcote
K. Patterson-McGrath
L. Hoffarth
W. Steimle

Absent: 3 -
M. Kavanagh
S. Diaz - SMDHU
S. Warren

STAFF:
Committee Support Clerk, B. Thompson
Manager of Parks and Forestry Operations, K. Rankin
Senior Project Manager - Transportation Planning, B. Gratrix
Transit Project Lead, M. McConnell.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and reports as follow(s):

SECTION "A"

CROMPTON PARK UPDATE

This matter was deferred to a future meeting.

BIKE THE NIGHT

Councillor A. Kungl advised that she, Kelly Patterson-McGrath, and John Northcote had been connecting, as a working group, to move forward in the planning of the Bike the Night event for the City of Barrie. Councillor Kungl specified that correspondence had been forwarded to the Committee from the working group concerning the proposed route.

John Northcote shared a map depicting the first draft of the five-kilometre route and discussed the targeted dates and time for the event. Mr. Northcote indicated the considerations for the route, such as minimal grading, fewer left turns for safety, relatively flat surfaces, and ways to safely turn around for those that do not want to do the full route.

The Committee discussed and asked questions regarding the route direction, the construction along Dunlop Street, reasons for the date and time of the event, safety reflectors on bicycles for riding in darkness, sponsorships, LED light decorations, potential bicycle availabilities, applying for Federal funding, education, and promotion of the event. The Committee further discussed a recommendation to Council for endorsement and support for the event.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

BIKE THE NIGHT

That the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee endorses a Bike the Night event for September 2022.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Building Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2/8/2022.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and reports as follow(s):

SECTION "C"

BRADFORD ROADWAY CROSS-SECTION

Brett Gratrix, Transportation Planning Lead provided an update on various discussions and feedback received from a recent Public Information Centre (PIC), such as creating an urban streetscape rather than a suburban streetscape, two-lane options, a spring PIC to present results of planning alternatives, better cycling infrastructure, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Mr. Gratrix further discussed the Federal Government's ban with respect to internal combustible vehicles by 2035, and the alternatives to roundabouts and the conventional intersection.

The Committee continued discussions on the two-lane options, roundabouts, heavy traffic, pedestrian and cyclist safety, bicycle lanes, and internal combustible vehicle ban. Members of the Committee asked questions of Mr. Gratrix and received responses.

CITY OF PICKERING - CITY BUILDING CONVERSATION

No action taken.

CIRCULAR ECONOMY/WASTE COLLECTION CALENDAR

Councillor A. Kungl reiterated thoughts and conversations from a previous meeting regarding useful information concerning a more sustainable circular economy, as well as other promotional items, being incorporated into the City of Barrie's Waste Collection Calendar.

The Committee agreed to defer this item to the next meeting to continue discussions.

SUCCESSFUL USE OF YIELD SIGNS - PAINSWICK

Eric van Wesenbeeck mentioned an older neighbourhood in the City, Old Painswick, which contains a number of yield signs throughout. Mr. van Wesenbeeck inquired why the idea was never considered in other parts of the City, if it is operating efficiently and safely, rather than using roundabouts or stop signs, to reduce vehicle emissions and noise from stopping and starting.

Mr. Gratrix advised that he was unaware of the yield signs in the area and undertook to inquire with Traffic Services as to why the yield signs exist, why it works so well, and why it would or would not be considered elsewhere in the City.

SINGLE TREE BY-LAW - PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Kevin Rankin, Supervisor of Urban Forestry and Natural Areas Stewardship informed the Committee of a Memorandum in circulation that is going to Council on February 14, 2022, to provide an update on progress. Mr. Rankin indicated that there would be a presentation at the PIC on February 24, 2022. He also mentioned that a survey was completed and would be posted after the PIC on February 24.

GYPSY MOTH REPORT - NEXT STEPS

Mr. Rankin indicated that there will be a presentation at the February 8, 2022, City Building Committee meeting from an expert from Bio Forests concerning the different management options for this coming year and providing an update on what could be expected in the spring, in terms of the Gypsy Moths and hotspots.

Members of the Committee asked questions of staff regarding City owned trees and whether staff would attend to remove the eggs before they hatched in May and discussed the potential for volunteers to help with the egg scraping. Staff responded that they will be attending to remove the egg masses, add banding, and add burlap to trees in the hotspot zones.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION EDUCATION/EVENT

Andee Pelan advised that Living Green Barrie will be hosting an event on April 22, 2022, Earth Day, selling native trees and shrubs with their rain barrels. Ms. Pelan indicated that Living Green Barrie is looking to hold the event at a private location.

Members of the Committee further discussed the sale of rain barrels and suggested Living Green Barrie be the sole retailer.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN